RESEARCH TOWN HALL

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Increased outbreaks near trigger point to reassess openings
San Diego County Cases Continue to Rise
Research Ramp Up: by the numbers (June 17)

More than 900 plans submitted through on-line platform

- **650 fully approved, ready to ramp up**
  - PPE/disinfecting supply ‘welcome kits’ delivered or in queue
  - PIs preparing space, schedules, and personnel for activity

253 approved plans on Main Campus
- 91 in Biological Sciences; 85 in Engineering; 57 in Physical Sciences; 6 in Social Sciences; 9 in ORUs (AA); 5 in A & H

289 in Health Sciences
- 245 in School of Medicine; 23 in Skaggs School of Pharmacy; 23 in MCC, ACTRI

93 in Marine Sciences
Training/preparing staff for return

Distribute to all staff the lab’s approved Social Distancing & Sanitization Plan, and (if applicable) Alternative Risk Management Plan

Train staff in use of face masks, sanitization protocols, etc.

Remind staff to register for, and complete each day before coming on-site, the Symptom Screener

Remind staff to take COVID-19 “Return to Work Training” (a requirement of California OSHA, available on-line at UC Learning Center)
Online Employee COVID19 Self-Screening Symptom Checker

The online symptom checker supports employee self-screening for COVID19 symptoms prior to arriving onsite to protect UCSD Health and Campus and Health employees. The framework is designed to comply with the San Diego County Order of the Health Officer.

Self-Screening Symptom Details

• All employees working onsite at UCSD locations are required to complete the symptom checker prior to each work shift
  • You can instruct personnel to choose PI or other as their supervisor
• The symptom checker is available via any web enabled device. Search “Symptom Screening” on Blink.
• Emails are sent to PI or supervisor when:
  • When an employee is cleared for work (as of June 8)
  • When an employee is not cleared for work
• When registering, personnel can select to receive:
  • Daily email reminders to fill out the survey
  • A voluntary COVID-19 test
Screening with Symptoms Yesterday

Screening with Symptoms by Location

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Symptom screening follow up

• Those whose answer to the symptom questionnaire result in a “not cleared for work message” will be instructed to telephone the UC San Diego Nurse Triage Hotline (800 926-8273) (M-F, 8 am – 5 pm)
  • Weekends: Employees contact PCP

• UCSD Insured
  • Screened for compatible symptoms. If “yes”, they are scheduled for testing at a UCSD Drive up site. Results to their PCP.

• Not UCSD Insured
  • Screened for compatible symptoms. If “yes”, offered follow up with PCP or with UCSD Drive up site. Followed up through Results Line.
Contact Tracing

• All individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 will be promptly interviewed (partnership with SDHD), close contacts elicited, and instructed to self-isolate.

• All close contacts of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 will be interviewed, encouraged to test, and instructed to quarantine.

• Index cases and close contacts will be monitored for 14 days for COVID-19 symptoms, and to promote continued isolation/quarantine.

• Confidentiality will be maintained.
Asymptomatic Testing

**Prioritize** those in contact with **higher numbers of people**

Prioritize those on campus for **research activity**, as well as those **supporting the campus and research enterprise** (FM, HDH, Trade Street, etc.)

- Those who have opted in via the symptom screening and selected “campus” as their work location
- Researchers: those in the buildings with the highest number of approved researchers
- Deans & Chairs can identify others (potential vulnerability groups)

**Process:** UCSD Health will call individuals to set up asymptomatic testing based on these priorities (will need to set up account if not insured thru UCSD Health)

- **Do not call UCSD Health nurse line**, as they will schedule tests only for symptomatic individuals who are UCSD Health patients

Given capacity, it will take **weeks to test asymptomatic individuals**
EOC response to positive test

• EOC and UCSD’s Occupational and Environmental Medicine (COEM) ensure compliance with workmen’s compensation and employee protection requirements:
  • working with the positive individual for medical needs and return to work clearance.
  • COEM will conduct contact tracing for UC San Diego employees to determine who may have been a close contact, who needs to be tested, or sent home to self-isolate.

Due to health privacy considerations, co-workers and supervisors of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 are notified only on a need-to-know basis. Staff who are not contacted by COEM are not considered to be at risk and do not need to be tested or sent home.

EOC will work with the supervisor and FM on additional cleaning and disinfection as needed.
Ramp Up Checklist for Research Areas (Non-labs)

Work with your building/facility/department representative as needed.

- Complete required Research Activity Reporting Tool
- Verify staff members have a face covering available prior to coming to work. (Marketplace, Chem Stock room, CORE BIO Services, Bookstore links)
- Train your staff on face covering requirement for campus, building, and research areas.
- Train your staff on the measures and tools you have implemented to ensure their understanding, including the Departments posted.
- Prepare for daily temperature checks or health checks for employees and visitors, must follow the campus health Screening Guidance of Personnel and Visitors.
- Post occupancy limits, social distancing and disinfection plan by doors or entryways. Must be visible to those entering the space.
- Use shared calendars for shared space.
- Post usage calendar on the door.

EH&S can offer guidance to help make sure your research area is safe for you and your research personnel

https://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/covid-19/ramp-up.html
COVID-19
Room Entry Requirements

PI Name: John Doe Room # 211

Social Distancing Occupancy Limit: 4

- Face Covering
- Safety Glasses
- Face Shield
- Gloves
- Sanitize

Please report safety concerns to (858) 534-3660 or the UC Whistleblower Hotline (800) 403-4744

MUST BE POSTED
One-Time Welcome Kits for Returning Labs

- As of June 16th the EOC and IPPS Logistics had delivered 552 kits
  - 420 are prepped and ready to fulfill new requests

Stocked PPE available for purchase

- As of June 16th IPPS had fulfilled 249 orders: N95 respirators, disposable ear-loop masks, reusable cloth masks and nitrile gloves are all in stock
  - Disposable gowns and 32 oz. bottles of disinfectant spray were recently added and are available for pre-order now
  - Disposable face shields will be added soon
- Search ‘COVIDPPE’ in Marketplace – recommend working with your Fund Mngr. to determine index
- Oracle: labs are encouraged to order a two week supply of PPE before June 24th
  - STORE will accept urgent PPE orders via a Services and Support case (include both the index and new COA)
  - Will post information about interim ordering procedure for STORE products, incl. gas cylinders, PPE & tax-free ethanol
Sanitization in public areas

Enhanced Sanitization and Disinfection Services in Response to COVID-19

Facilities Management understands the need for enhanced sanitization and disinfection measures during the COVID-19 pandemic and moving forward as staff return to campus. We are working closely with our partners at Environment, Health & Safety, Procurement and Contracts and other UC campuses to provide a safe and sanitary environment for the campus community, patients, visitors and our staff who are performing this important work.

Facilities Management will ensure that public areas such as restrooms, elevators and lounges are cleaned using enhanced sanitization protocols.
On-site safety reminders (public spaces)

Facilities Management in consultation with Campus Fire Marshall may
• institute traffic flow,
• reduce maximum capacity, or
• use other measures to maintain social distancing in public spaces.

All personnel should observe these guidelines.
Elevators are limited to one occupant at a time.
On-site Safety: Vendors and Visitors

All visitors to campus are required to follow campus guidelines regarding use of face masks and social distancing.

• **Vendors**: County Public Health Order requires their employers to screen them daily for COVID-19 symptoms.

• **Visitors** such as participants in research must be screened by their host for COVID-19 symptoms. A visitor screening checklist is available at [https://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/services/covid-19/symptom-screening/](https://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/services/covid-19/symptom-screening/)
Compliance and Monitoring

• Compliance = Responsibility of all personnel on-site must be educated & following new standards.

• Precautions articulated on signage posted on doors and in prominent locations in labs & research facility.

• Concerns about non-compliance can be handled in many ways:
  • First, locally to the research lead, then chair, then dean
  • Second, if you prefer, anonymous reporting is possible via UC Whistleblower Hotline: (800) 403-4744
  • Third, through ORA (via research@ucsd.edu) or EH&S (via https://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/EHS/report-concern.html)
    • Phone number for anonymous reports included on signage

• Reports of violations will be investigated; findings reported to both lead faculty and department chairs. Research settings found to be non-compliant will be closed for one or more days to allow for an EH&S review of the site and determination of sanitization/decontamination protocol.
Need to make amendments to your on-site plan?

Contact researchadmin@ucsd.edu to request assistance

• Minor adjustments (changing personnel, for instance) do not require resubmission or additional review; an updated Ramp Up Staff Framework can be attached for you

• Any changes that impact social distancing and density plans, or change the conduct of research in ways that change necessary PPE or risk mitigation, do require resubmission and review.

• Do not start a new submission for amendments; request a “send back” to prevent duplicate submissions.
Thank you
Research Continuity Task Force

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Specific types/contexts of research:

Follow-on input and feedback by students, staff, faculty, and campus administrative groups
On the call to answer questions today:

Continuity of Research Task Force Chairs: Miroslav Krstic and Jim McKerrow
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